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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Old Bailey.
Lancaster, 20, Cornhill. GORDON
STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON
& GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. 4. BAYES
HENRY & CO., 37, Watlington, E.C.
SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 151,
Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—GAILLARD &
PAINON, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park
Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally:—BLISS & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.:—SAYLE &
CO., Singapore. O. HAINES &
CO., Malacca.

OHIO:—MORRIS A. A. DR. MELLO
& CO., Station, QUELON & Co.,
Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co.,
Fookien, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai,
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY
& WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-
FORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INSTALLED received on
NEW SHARES, 926,765.02

\$5,926,765.02

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
INSTALLED OF PREMIUM RE-
CEIVED ON NEW SHARES, 698,336.43

\$3,198,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—WM. REINERS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
H. L. DARTMOUTH, Esq.
A. P. McEWEEN, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.
F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. GILBERT, Esq.
M. E. SASSOON, Esq.
Hon. F. B. JOHNSON.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, EDWIN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 4 " " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " " "

LOCAL BILL DISCOUNT.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 26, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN
our Firm of Mr. WILHELM
REINERS, CEASED on the 31st December,
1883.

Mr. MAX GROTE, Mr. CARL JANT-
ZEN and Mr. STEPHAN O. MICHAEL-
SEN, who have been Signing the Firm,
are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

Mr. J. GOOSMAN is authorized to
Sign our Firm per Procuration.

MELOHRS & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED A
BRANCH of our Firm in Tamsui,
Formosa. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is
authorized to Sign on our behalf per Pro-
curation.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ADMITTED Mr. J. D.
ELIAS A PARTNER in my Business.
It will hereafter be conducted under the
Style of "BELLILIOS & Co."

E. B. BELLILIOS.
Hongkong, January 2, 1884.

NOTICE.

MR. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEX-
ANDER McCONACHIE are author-
ized to Sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Fookien,
1st January, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
Mr. HERMANN FRIEDRICH
MEYER IN our Firm CEASED on the
1st January, 1884.

Mr. JOHANN HINRICH GARRELS
is admitted A PARTNER from this date.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

HOP SHING & Co.,

ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDERS, &c., &c.

WEST POINT-IRON WORKS.

HAVING THIS DAY COMMENCED BUSI-
NESS, are ready to undertake Work
of the above Descriptions under the Super-
vision of an experienced Engineer.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch
and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will NOT be RE-
SPONSIBLE for any DEBTS con-
tracted by a YOUNG MAN who goes by the
Name of JOHN DREWES.

GEORGE HERMANN DREWES,
late Master of S.S. "Peking."
Hongkong, January 9, 1884.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 23.

Light-vessel "Tungshu" to return to her
Station, and Light-vessel "Kutson"
to be removed for Repairs.

NOTICE is hereby given that, on or
about 2nd February next, the
Light-vessel "Tungshu" will be replaced on
her Station; also that on or about the same
date the Light-vessel "Kutson," which is to
be brought in for Repairs, will be replaced
by the Light-vessel "Neuchang."

The "Neuchang" Light and Biting Light
are of the same description as those ex-
hibited by the "Kutson." Her Hull is
painted Red, with the word "Neuchang" in
White Letters on each side, and she has
Three Masts, the main carrying a Black
Ball.

During thick or foggy weather a gong
will be sounded at 1-minute intervals on
board of the "Neuchang" while she occupies
the "Kutson's" Station.

A. M. BISHOP,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
C. B. GLOVER,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Shanghai, 15th January, 1884.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of
£10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000
SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION,
will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER NEXT,
in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and
Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to
NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the
respective OFFICES, the above Call or its
equivalent in the Currency of the above-
mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being
issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts,
which are to be surrendered to the Bank.
HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES,
when paying this Call, will please send same
to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is
fixed at 3/4 s.d. or \$53.93 per Share.

INTEREST at the Rate of 7 per Centum
will be charged on Calls unpaid on the
31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883.

"SULPHOLINE LOTION."

AN External Means of CURING SKIN
DISEASES. There is scarcely any
eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a
few days, and commences to fade away, even
if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples,
redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vesicles,
if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin
diseases, that have plagued the sufferers
for years, however deeply rooted they may
be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack
them. It destroys the animalcules which
cause these unsightly, irritable, painful
affections, and always produces a clear,
healthy, natural condition of the skin.

"Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chem-
ists. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Made only by J.
FERRER & Co., London.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

For Sale.

PERFUMERY.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

CRYSTAL TABLE WARE.

NEW DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE DECORATIONS.

NEW DUPLEX LAMPS.

SLOW COMBUSTION GRATES.

FENDERS and TILE HEARTHES.

LOCKS, BOLTS and HINGES.

LAWN MOWERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

SAYLE & Co.'s

SHOW-ROOMS.

We are now Showing ex "Recent Arrivals."

BLACK SILKS, including the following reliable makes.

CASIMERE CLASSIQUE.

DRAP D'ITALIE.

JASPER'S PERSIANS.

BONNET DRAP DE NATIONEL.

SATIN DE LYON.

A Special Line in FANCY BROCHE SILKS at 85 Cents per yard.

BLACK and COLOURED DAMASSES.

Specially Selected from the Best ENGLISH, FRENCH and
GERMAN MARKETS.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for
passing the Company's Steamers
through the SUEZ CANAL in QUANTINITY,
thus avoiding any detention in Egypt.
The Homeward Mails are now being landed
at Venice, but the Quarantine which is
still imposed at this and all other CONTIN-
ENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Pas-
sengers, and those travelling by the Com-
pany's Steamers are obliged to remain on
board the Vessel which calls at MARSALA
en route—excepting a few hours only to dis-
charge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to
LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE
delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be
accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA
or GIBRALTAR.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

THE TRUSTEES of St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
and themselves compelled to appeal
to the liberality of Residents here for assist-
ance in providing the Cathedral with a New
Organ, the Instrument at present in use
being so far deteriorated by climatic causes
as not to be worth the very extensive repairs
which alone could make it serviceable. Its
state must have been evident to those who
have attended Divine Service for some time
back, and it is doubtful whether it can be
used much longer.

The Organ was built in 1860 and paid for
by public subscription. As Organ eight,
donors, to last much longer than 23
years in a good climate, but, besides the
fact that the mistake seems to have been
made in the first instance of selecting a
cheap instrument, in 1860 makers knew
even less than they do now about guarding
against the effect of tropical heat and damp.
Moreover, by the unfortunate closing up of
a roof gutter during a typhoon some years
ago, the interior of the Organ (even then
beginning to break up) was deluged with
water.

It is proposed to give the order to
Messrs. WALKER & SONS, who have just
successfully erected a fine Organ at Shang-
hai, and whose representative has himself
seen the damage (irreparable to the work-
man who has never been out of England)
which years of this climate are capable of
effecting.

The cost of an Organ suited to the
Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and
including the expenses of a skilled work-
man to come out and put it up, is estimated
at \$2,000, say \$12,000. This sum will not
be regarded as extravagant if it is borne
in mind that pipes which in England are
made of deal, glued together, have, for the
least, to be made of mahogany, secured
with brass joints, everything "day being
simultaneously modified. An Organ so prepared
should last, with proper care and occasional
renewals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty
years even in this climate.

It is evident that such a sum as
\$12,000 cannot be provided out of the cur-
rent revenue of the Cathedral, which only
meets, and even that with difficulty, the
current expenditure. The Trustees feel
assured, however, that the Community will
not feel disposed to see the only consid-
erable Organ in the Colony disappear from
our midst, and they make this Appeal not
doubting to meet with the same success as
their predecessors a quarter of a century
ago.

Contributions may be forwarded to the
CATHEDRAL TREASURER, General Post Office,
Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

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Intimations.

THE PATENT.

"FILTRE RAPIDE"

REMOVES ALL

Organic and Inorganic Impurities, Lead, Copper, and Poisonous Gases.

It purifies the Water.

It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.

IT HAS BEEN AWARDED

Special Medal of Merit by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain;

Silver Medal National Water Supply Ex- hibition, London;

Two Silver Medals International Food, Exhibition, London;

Two Certificates of Merit by Sanitary Institute, Exeter;

Certificate of Merit International Medical and Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington;

Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1884.

THE MEDICAL HALL,

Established A.D. 1853.

E. NIEDHARDT, Proprietor.

ANALYTICAL CHEMIST.

IMPORTER OF

DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, TOILET REQUISITES, &c., &c., &c.

Manufacturer of Sterilized Waters.

MEDICINE CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REPLENISHED.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

SEE WOO,

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER.

No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Has just received by French Mail,
CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND
DRAB FELT HATS, AND
TWEED HATS,
(of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET
SOAPS.

All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER
CLOTHING, &c., &c.

DAWSON & SONS'
GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

WHITE and COLOURED KID GLOVES.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883.

For Sale.
MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.
 No. 53, Queen's Road East,
 (OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAZ),
 ARE NOW LANDING
 FROM AMERICA
CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
 tins, and loose.
 Soda BISCUITS.
 Assorted BISCUITS.
 Small HOMINY.
 Cracked WHEAT.
 OATMEAL.
 CORNMEAL.
 TOPOCAN BUTTER.
 Apple BUTTER.
 Eastern and California CHEESE.
 CORDON ROUGE.
 Prime HAMS and BACON.
 Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
 Family BEER in 25 lb cans.
 Boat Ideal SALMON in 25 lb cans.
 Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
 " Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
 MEAT.
 " Stuffed PEPPERS.
 " Assorted SOUPS.
 Richardson & Robbins' Celebrated Potted
 MEATS.
 Lunch HAM.
 Lamb's TONGUES.
 China CHOWDER.
 Fresh ORGON SALMON.
 Dried APPLES.
 TOMATOES.
 SUGAR CUSTARD.
 Maple SYRUP.
 Golden SYRUP.
 LOBSTERS.
 OYSTERS.
 Assorted JELLIES.
 Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
 400 lb. Capacity.
 600 lb. " "
 900 lb. " "
 1,200 lb. " "
 CORN BROOMS.
 OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
 AXES and HATCHETS.
 AGATE IRON WARE.
 WAFFLE IRONS.
 SMOOTHING IRONS.
 PAINTS and OILS.
 TALLOW and TAR.
 VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
 150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from
 ENGLAND.
 A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
 STORES,
 including:
 CHRISTMAS CAKES.
 PLUM PUDDINGS.
 MINCEMEAT.
 ALMONDS and RAISINS:
 Crystallized FRUITS.
 TISSOT'S DESSERT FRUITS.
 Paiking RAISINS.
 Lame CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
 PICKLED TONGUES.
 FINE DE POIE GRAS.
 SAVORY FATES.
 FRENCH PLUMS.
 BRAUN.
 LEMON'S FOOD.
 CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS.
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
1883 GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT.
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
 1 and 2-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
 BOUTARD DUBOIS & Co.'s BRANDY.
 FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
 RYAN'S OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
 ROYAL GLENDEER WHISKY.
 BOURBON OLD TOM.
 E. & J. BAKER'S IRISH WHISKY.
 ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
 NORTON PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
 CHATEAU D'OR BRANDY.
 CHATEAU D'OR BRANDY.
 MARASCHINO.
 CURACAO.
 ANGELOTTA, BORELLI'S and ORANGE
 BITTERS, &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
 BARNES, pints and quarts.
HUTCHING'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
 J. BUREN, pints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
 Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIAL SELECTED
CIGARS.
 Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in
 6 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
 TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
 STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
 SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
 VIA
 THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
 AND
 ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
 STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched
 on SATURDAY, the 24th January, at
 9 p.m.
 Connection being made at Yokohama,
 with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
 ports.
 All Parcel Packages should be marked to
 address in full, and same will be received
 at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
 day previous to sailing.
 RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
 have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
 Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
 within six months, will be allowed a discount
 of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
 within one year, an allowance of 10% will
 be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
 Passage Orders, available for one year,
 will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
 Return Fare. These discounts do not apply
 to through fares from China and Japan to
 Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
 land, Mexican, Central and South American
 Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
 Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
 San Francisco.
 For further information as to Freight
 or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
 Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
 F. E. FOSTER,
 Agent.

Hongkong, January 12, 1884. 86

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
 COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,
 PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
 NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
 OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
 ALSO
 PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
 AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 20th January,
 1884, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
 JEANNE D'ARC, Commandant de DORVILLE,
 BAKON, with MAILS, PASSENGERS,
 SPORE, and CARGO, will leave this Port
 for the above places.
 Cargo and Special will be registered for
 London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
 cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
 principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
 Noon of 24th January, 1884.
 Cargo will be received on board until 4
 p.m. Special and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
 the 24th January, 1884. (Parcels are not
 to be sent on board; they must be left at
 the Agency's Office.)
 Contents and value of Packages are re-
 quired.
 For further particulars, apply at the
 Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
 Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 16, 1884. 107

FREDERIC ALGAR,

COLONIAL, NEWSPAPER & COMMER-
 CIAL AGENT.

11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street,
 LONDON.

THE Colonial Press supplied with New-
 papers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses,
 Papers, Correspondence, Letters; and any
 European Goods on London terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office
 are regularly filed for the inspection of
 Advertisers and the Public.

Mr. Andrew Wind.

News Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;
 is authorized to receive Subscriptions,
 Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail,
 Overland China Mail, and China Review.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. JAN. 23, 1884.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Full- up.	Rever.	Working Account.	Last Day's Closing Quoted. Value.	Change.
BANKS							
H.K. and S'hai Bank.	50,000	125	125	3,108,336	52,500.62	22	170%—\$337
INSURANCE.							
N.H. China Ins.	5,000	200	200	250,000	107,411.66	22	11,350 ft. sh.
Yankee Ins.	8,000	25	25	20,000	505,127.77	10	11,100 "
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	1,250	125	600,000	576,391.00	18.25	\$20
China Traders Insurance.	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.66	22	\$78
C'lon Ins. Office	10,000	250	50	500,000	505,127.77	10	101
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	100,378	350,718	3	\$200
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	250	50	861,000	260,732.66	80	\$385
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	20	500,000	105,360.42	33.00	\$74
STEAM COMPANIES.							
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat.	8,000	100	75	200,000	41,320.95	0	\$123
Indo-China S. Nav. Co.	120,000	10	10	10	10	30	dis.
China & Manila S.S. Coy., Ltd.	3,500	5100	all
MISCELLANEOUS.							
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 Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 1167

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A SUPPLY of the above in Good ORDER
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 Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 5

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship "Amoy,"
 Captain W. P. Potts, will be
 despatched for the above Port
 TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at
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 Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 138

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co.'s Steamship
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 Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 189

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co.'s Steamship
 "Kwangtung,"
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The Co.'s Steamship
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 Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 140

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenroy having arrived
 from the above Ports, Consignees
 of Cargo are hereby informed that their
 Goods—with the exception of Opium—are
 being landed at their risk into the Godowns
 of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
 the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
 tained.
 Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
 less notice to the contrary be given before
 4 p.m. To-day, the 23rd Instant.
 Cargo remaining undelivered after the
 30th Instant will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
 JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 144

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 23, 1884:—
 Fooking, British steamer, 990, Hong.
 Shanghai Jan. 23, General—C. M. S. N.
 Castelano, Spanish steamer, 212, V.

To-day's Advertisements.

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FRIDAY EVENING,

the 25th January, 1884.

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CO-MENESTER.....Mr C. J. Barber.

H.M.S. "PINAFORE,".....Mr C. J. Barber.

RALPH RAGSTRAY, (Able Seaman).....Mr F. W. Oakland.

DICK DEADEYE, (Able Seaman).....Mr J. D'Angelo.

BOB BAKER, (Carpenter's Mate).....Mr J. D

This annual distribution of prizes at the Victoria School, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, took place at 5 p.m. this evening. The Right Rev. Bishop Rainaldi presided and distributed the prizes. He was supported by Mr. J. J. Francis, and there were also present Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. A. G. Romano, Mr. Seth, and a number of the parents of the pupils. Bishop Rainaldi said that education was such an important thing that he was anxious to support it in every way—he meant by education the training of the heart as well as the training of the mind. The latter without the former might be attended with mischievous instead of good results. In their own catholic community they had eleven schools, attended by no less than 1,200 pupils. Wherever a sound education was given—and this was the case in Victoria School—they would have the support of their Bishop. There was no need to speak of the merits of that school, which was an old established and well-known one, and it had been highly spoken of by a previous Governor. The results of the last examination could not have been better. Twenty-six pupils, who had complied with all the requirements of the Grant-in-aid scheme, were examined, and twenty-six passed. There were many other pupils who could easily have passed, but, unfortunately, they had not completed 200 attendances, which were required under the scheme in Hongkong, although they were not required in Singapore. Attendances were comparatively difficult to obtain here in consequence of the rains and heat. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon on the success of their establishment, which was worthy of the support of every one in Hongkong. Previous to the distribution of the prizes, the pupils performed the following programme most creditably:—

PIANOFOURTE. *La Traviata* (solo).
Miss D'Almonda a Castro.
RECITATION. *The Orphan Boy*.
Master M. Roman.
PIANOFOURTE. *Der Cluiß von Regard* (duet).
Misses Remondos.
RECITATION. *The Heart-bell and the Pop-glove*.
Miss D'Almonda a Castro.
PIANOFOURTE. *My Queen*.
Master Fritz Kaufmann.
RECITATION. *The Return*.
Miss G. D'Almonda a Castro.
PIANOFOURTE. *Home Sweet Home*.
Miss Anna Parker.
RECITATION. *Spirit of the Gospel*.
Master J. H. de Remedios.
PIANOFOURTE. *The Memory Book*.
Misses Gones.
RECITATION. *The Girl's Mother*.
Miss Annie Parker.
RECITATION. *The Spanish Champion*.
Master Fritz Kaufmann.
RECITATION. *The Lost Doll*.
Miss Romah Zera.
PIANOFOURTE. *Stages March*.
Master F. Kaufmann.
RECITATION. *The Spider Boy*.
Miss Romah Zera.
RECITATION. *Omni presence of God*.
Master G. Xavier.
FISALE. Address.
Master Fritz Kaufmann.

When Tung-ka-doo Dock was pumped out on the 16th January, it was found that there was, in addition to the other damage, a hole on the port side of the *Suez*, about the foremast, which is supposed to have been caused by the vessel striking on the rocks at Souda Island. The hole is large enough to admit three fingers of a man's hand. Twenty-one plates will have to be replaced besides a new foremast. Her port rolling shock is smashed in two places and the repairs will take a month to complete. Seeing the extent of the damage done, the captain and engineers deserve great credit for successfully bringing the vessel into port. The damage is roughly estimated at £20,000.—N. C. D. News.

MONDAY next being Chinese New Year's Day and a holiday, the Volunteers have been summoned in the following circular for practice with big guns at Belcher's Point. We trust there will be a big gathering, and also that good scoring will be recorded:—

The annual practice of the Hongkong Volunteers will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the 28th January, at Belcher's Pt. Battery. The practice will be carried on from 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Hongkong Volunteers will parade at 9.30 a.m. at Head Quarters and march down with the 7 p.m.

The Right Half of "A" Battery (2 gns detachments of 64 p.m.) will parade at Murray Pier at 9.45 a.m. under Lieut. McCallum and proceed to the 64 Pr. Battery at Belcher's Point.

Lieut. McCallum will then with 4 gunners lay the targets and take charge of the Range Party.

The Lecture advertised for 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 25th instant, will take place at 8.30 p.m. on that day at Head Quarters (any dress can be worn plain or uniform).

Details concerning the Practice, method of scoring, &c., will be explained and hints in general Artillery Practice will be afforded at this Lecture.

All the Volunteers can attend the Practice which will be carried on throughout the day, but only the 48 Volunteers (a list of names in the hands of the Adjutant) who have attended gun drill, and have endeavored to render themselves efficient can take part in the competitive Practice.

Captain Lindsay of the barque *Oriana*, wrecked at Brimpton Shoal, has a crew, upon his ship's articles were a cook and steward, both Chinamen. After several days' danger and exposure in an open boat, the unfortunate castaways reached the hospitable Queensland shore. How think you were they received? They put the Providentially-raucous yellow-skinned gaily because they could not put the humanly-obtained poll-tax of £10 apiece! And Captain Lindsay has the audacity to complain. The gentlemen who enter for those bodily comforts, shawls and shawls, are not particularly in the means they take to bring their wares under the notice of customers. In a New Zealand township there is a drover, who is an adept in that skilful

impulse to trade—the advertisement indirect. By a fortuitous circumstance, a letter addressed to an assistant, engaged by him, has been made public, and to this effect:— "Make it convenient to arrive on Saturday next, first class, if possible, and understand that I have made it public that I am expecting my cousin, a young man, well-to-do, good-looking, about 25 years old, unmarried, a good draper, very liberal, and intending to settle, so much so that he is bringing with him a complete set of household furniture. The effect already is immense. Don't let your wife come for a month or two. Call for my silk hat at Plush and Co's, and, if it fits you, wear it on arrival. Bring with you Mr. D. is a child, to be named at Vucora's. I have put it about that you are about to present my wife with a lounge, and everybody is delighted, in anticipation, with my cousin's kind consideration. All the girls here are very anxious to know what you are like. Be sure to arrive on Saturday in daylight—my show of painted pigeons comes off on that day."

"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE"

AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

We cannot congratulate the Loftus Troupe on a successful production of the charming opera *Les Cloches de Corneville* last night. The piece was well mounted on the whole; the chorus was as good as could be expected in connection with a travelling company, and one or two of the performers gave a very fair rendering of their parts, but nothing more can be said in praise of the performance. There was a full house, His Excellency the Governor, Lady Bowen and the Misses Bowen being among those present. The following is the plot of the Opera:—

The Comte de Lucony, attainted for political reasons, flies from France, leaving his infant daughter Lucienne and considering her personal property, and a certain Gaspard, a Frenchman, who, however, over, rescuing the Comte who never return to claim his own (which indeed happens) brings up the child as his niece, under the name of Germaine, and gratifies his insatiable greed for money by handing the Comte's treasure. He has chosen for his coffer the decaying rooms of the old Chateau of Corneville, long since deserted by its lord, attainted of treason like de Lucony, and an exile from France. The grandson of this Marquis is the Marquis, however, alive, and the interdict on the estates having been removed by the King, the village gossips believe that one day the long expected heir will return. Meanwhile the Castle has an evil notoriety. It is haunted; mailed spectres appear along its corridors, and ghastly phantoms sit across its lighted windows at night. But in truth, these are devices of the cunning Gaspard to frighten away all intending tenants of the old Chateau. At the opening of the Opera a knot of girls are on their way to the village fair. Among them is Sarpolette, who was picked up by Gaspard on a bank of wild thyme in one of his fields, and grown now into his servant of all work. She has thrown up her protection, however, and seeks a better place. Germaine eventually joins the band of dancing from Gaspard's house—but from a very different motive. The old miser has promised her hand to the village Bailie, a pompous, meddling old fellow, lately come to his kingdom, with a strong desire to open the Chateau, and under the Baron's account. Now Germaine has betrothed herself to a no-do-well of the locality, a young fisherman named Grenicheux, who, as she supposes, saved her from drowning. But in fact her deliverer was really the latest heir—this young Henri de Corneville, who, Gaspard, an armed ship, with a roving commission, who a year before had put ashore at Honfleur to revisit the house of his father. At the opening of the Drama he again returns—and this time he resolves to take possession of his ancestral castle. The living fair, where he engages Sarpolette—amongst others, Germaine, Sarpolette, and Grenicheux (now turned coachman), concludes the first part of the story.

The scene changes to the haunted halls of the Chateau. The young lord, with his officers and crew, torch and sword in hand, break into the deserted rooms, and lay their plans to surprise the adventurers, whom they suppose to be really the ghosts of the village tradition. Two discoveries bearing directly on the fortunes of the two heroines are here made by the Marquis. Firstly, he finds that the girl he rescued from the sea is the Germaine who has captured him, but who believes herself bound in honour to Grenicheux. Secondly, he discovers certain documents (left by old Gaspard) referring to the flight of his daughter, and placing of his infant daughter with the miser. The vivacious Sarpolette immediately rushes to the conclusion that she is the noble child in question, and therefore gives herself all the imaginary airs of a heiress. The arrival of some one is announced by the scoundrel Grenicheux, who puts in a suit of mail to watch the intruder unsummoned—and the Marquis and his crew retire to the Armory. The old Miser appears—works his phantoms—the lights are quenched—vanishes in his girdle—and then comes a swift and awful vengeance. The rusty bell tolls—a ghastly chant is heard—then a legion of mailed spectres—all the dead and buried Lords of Corneville appear—and advance on the appalled Miser, who stiles wailing and terror-stricken on his gold. This startling tableau concludes the second part of the story.

The last Act is devoted to the unravelling of the mystery attached to Germaine. This is done by patching together the hints dropped in his ravings by old Gaspard—who confirms them, on his return to sanity, and avows that Germaine is not his niece, but Mlle. de Lucony. In the same moment that young lady learns that she is free to give her hand where she loves, for that to Henri de Corneville, and not Grenicheux, who confirms them, on his return to sanity, and avows that Germaine is not his niece, but Mlle. de Lucony. In the same moment that young lady learns that she is free to give her hand where she loves, for that to Henri de Corneville, and not Grenicheux, who confirms them, on his return to sanity, and avows that Germaine is not his niece, but Mlle. de Lucony.

The comparative failure of the performance was mainly owing to several of the leading characters being entrusted to amateurs who were not up to the work assigned to them. Mr. Willis, for instance, who gave such an excellent representation of the guardsman on "sentry go" in *Isolante*,

entirely failed to give a successful rendering of the Marquis last night; particularly in the vocal department. His two splendid solos—almost the gems of the piece—were most indifferently executed; in fact, Mr. Willis appeared to lack the voice for his songs, and a proper appreciation of the way to render them. He was, in short, entrusted with a character beyond his powers. The chorus in "Silent Heroes" was effective, but the solo was spoilt by Mr. Willis's tendency to indulge in sudden and not very melodious shouts, and then to allow his voice to sink to a pitch inaudible in the further portions of the theatre.

The song is one which eminently requires to have certain passages sung with vigour, and others with much softness and sweetness, but while Mr. Willis exhibited the vigour, it was rather rough in nature, and the sweetness was so softly warbled in most instances that it could not be heard in all parts of the theatre. At the same time we do not wish to deprive this valuable amateur performer. There are many parts in opera, like that of the sentry in *Isolante*, which he can fill with great credit to himself, and with much satisfaction to the audience, but the Marquis is a representation for which his vocal abilities are not up to the mark. Gobo also had a miserable

exponent in Mr. Sethom. The "Bailie's shadow" and the *Bailie* himself, should be ubiquitous throughout the piece, infusing it with spirit and fun. It is, perhaps, unfair to expect Mr. Sethom to be acquainted with any of the "business" of his part not found in the libretto, and the Loftus Troupe will have considerable difficulty in obtaining the services of an amateur who can display in his representations the feats of an acrobat and a man-serpent, but we must say that Gobo as portrayed last night was no more like the Gobo as played in theatres at home than the *Bailie* was like his "shadow." The scene at the living fair, where Gobo should create an immense amount of fun, was a very feeble representation. Gobo did not, for example, catch the crowd of servants on the "salute," and the whole scene was in short very poorly managed. The play-by-play of the *Bailie* appeared also to have been greatly mutilated; half of his little jokes were wanting; there was no baccarat scene; the perusal of the letter in the haunted hall was devoid of the amusing misreadings, and there were few funny passages between the *Bailie* and Gobo. Mr. D'Angelis did, however, give a comic rendering of his part; the defects of his representation were chiefly in omissions. Possibly the length of the piece necessitated a cutting down of the "gag."

As it was, partly owing to half an hour's delay in raising the curtain, the performance was not concluded until past midnight. The remaining important characters were represented as follows:—
GRENICHEUX (A Fisherman).....Mr. F. W. Oakland.
GASPARD (A Miser in charge of Corneville).....Mr. C. J. Barber.
GERMAINE (Daughter of the late Comte de Lucony).....Miss Minnie Nord.
SARPOLETTE (The Maid of Corneville).....Miss Florence Corliffe.
MANETTE (A Peasant Girl).....Miss Dolly Loftus.
SARPOLETTE (A Foundling).....Miss Victoria Loftus.
Grenicheux had a very good exponent in Mr. Oakland, especially in regard to the singing. The scene, however, where, en masse, he witnesses the ghost-making proceedings of Gaspard, and the discovery, by the Marquis and his men, of the old miser gloating over his gold, would have been more effective had Grenicheux been armed, as usual, with a sword, to be raised threateningly over Gaspard, when the ominous tolling of the castle bell is heard. Mr. Barber is more at home in burlesque than in the representation of a somewhat tragic character, but his Gaspard was a very creditable piece of acting, considered as a whole. He might, however, have done the ghost-making business better. The burlesque way in which he threw the very dilapidated sheet over his head, and wheeled the man in armour once before the window, would hardly give the audience the impression that he was endeavouring to make any persons outside the castle believe that there were ghosts moving about in the room. The scenery in this act did not, indeed, compare favourably with much the Loftus Troupe has liberally put on the stage. There was no window—through which the ghosts were to be seen from the outside—worth speaking about, and the idea only struck on late in the performance that the coloured light in the window was intended to represent the moon shining through the panes of glass. An *Sarpolette* Miss Victoria Loftus had a character well suited to her powers. It was very well played. We have seen many better Germaines than that of Miss Nord, but for a travelling company in the Far East, we suppose her rendering of the part must be regarded as satisfactory. It was correctly enough done, but Miss Nord was not well dressed, and she scarcely looked Germaine. Miss Nord has a pleasing voice, but the vocal requirements of the part were a little too much for her capabilities. Miss Corliffe's *Sarpolette*, a less important character, was very well done.

There were several attractive little peasant girls on the stage, who evidently enjoyed themselves, while they pleased the audience. It was whispered that they were of the masculine gender with the exception of Miss Dolly Loftus, but we must say they made charming little *demoiselles*, while their voices afforded welcome aid in the choruses.

The company mounted the piece as well as could be desired in every way, but a thoroughly successful representation of Planquette's celebrated opera is, we fear, beyond the capabilities of the Troupe, even with the assistance of amateurs. The band upon the "Buffa" in good style, selections of music in the intervals, were rather long ones, owing, no doubt, to the great changes to be effected in the scenery for the different acts. Professor Blakemore conducted the music with his accustomed ability.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT THE DIOCESAN HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

The distribution of prizes at the Diocesan Home and Orphanage took place this morning. There were present:—Mrs. Burdon, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Acroby, Mrs. Johnston, Miss de Jersey, Mrs. Hazell, Rev. W. Jennings, Rev. J. R. Ost, and others. Mr. A. P. McEwen, member of the Committee of the Institution, presided.

Mr. Piery, the Master, stated that last year there were 30 boys as boarders; 33 boys as day scholars; and 6 girls as day scholars—making a total of 69. The school was open 242 days; the average attendance was 367.1; 45 were present more than the two hundred attendances required by Government and were examined by the Inspector, Dr. Elliot—21 passed and 4 failed. Two boys were examined in Euclid as an extra subject and passed. The Grant-in-aid is more than in the previous year. The present numbers are: 32 boarders and 8 day scholars. Five additional boarders, and 2 day scholars have applied for admission after the holidays.

Mr. McEwen addressed the meeting and the boys—He regretted the absence, through indisposition and important business, of so many members of the Committee. He thought that the friends of the boys might consider themselves fortunate that such an institution was established in our midst, where the basis of a sound education was given at such a moderate cost. The Colonial Chaplain had mentioned to him the fact (which he thought reflected great credit on the teaching of the school) that one of the boys some time previously had been transferred to the Hong Kong Public School, and cannot either last or after his first term. They had all heard, from His Excellency the Governor's late public addresses, that the minor posts in the Government service would be open to public competition for all classes, without distinction of race or creed, and also that a few deserving scholars of the various public schools and colleges of the Colony, would at intervals be sent to England at the public expense to be trained up as lawyers, medical men, or civil engineers, and also that a few deserving scholars of the various public schools and colleges of the Colony, would at intervals be sent to England at the public expense to be trained up as lawyers, medical men, or civil engineers, and also that a few deserving scholars of the various public schools and colleges of the Colony, would at intervals be sent to England at the public expense to be trained up as lawyers, medical men, or civil engineers.

Mr. McEwen then presented the prizes. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Jennings to Mr. McEwen for kindly presiding at a very short notice, and to the ladies for their presence upon the occasion. The boys then gave three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Piery, and the proceedings terminated. The visitors viewed the various rooms in the building, and expressed themselves very pleased with what they saw. The prizes were presented by the kindness of the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, Mr. Edmund Sharp, and Mr. G. S. Northcote. The following is the list:—

FIRST CLASS.
First Prize, John Wilson, Mathematical Instruments.
Second Prize, Wm. H. Howard, "Boys Own Annual."
Third Prize, Wm. Duncan, "Pictorial Records."

SECOND CLASS.
First Prize, Geo. Young, Watch.
Second Prize, Fredk. Southey, Stamp Album.
Third Prize, Li Fuk Tsau, Box of Colours and Compasses.

THIRD CLASS.
First Prize, Wong Tung Yau, (gone home), "Every Boy's Annual."
Second Prize, Ng Chi, "World's Explorer."
Third Prize, Hung Ching, "Boys."

FOURTH CLASS.
First Prize, Harry W. Lapaley, "Gulliver's Travels."
Second Prize, Onas-Waller, (gone home), "Sacred Readings."
Third Prize, Yeung Sik Hai, "Frog Alley."

FIFTH CLASS.
First Prize, Robert Lapaley, Box of Colours.
Second Prize, Emma Orley, "Pilgrim's Street."
Third Prize, Leung Ming, "Animal Pictures."

SPECIAL PRIZES.
John Wilson, for Mathematics, "Union Jack."
W. Duncan, for Euclid and English Composition, "Getting on in the world."
Kwan King Yin, for Chinese Translation, "A Peep Behind the Scenes."
Geo. Young, for Scripture, "Heroes of the Cross."
Nelly Orley, for Needlework, Work Bag.
Wong Tung Yau, (gone home), "The King of the Mountains," "King Arthur and his Knights."

ASSETS has been devised that can be used as an ice of parlor story. A series of grooved rollers, over which an endless belt is passed, is to be used in the parlor, to prevent injury to the floor or carpet, and also to prevent the rollers from slipping on the floor. When the skates is to be used upon the ice, a runner is securely attached to the rollers by a hook point which passes over the front roller, and by a thumb screw which fastens the runner over the hind roller. The clamps which secure the skate to the sole of the shoe may be adjusted to fit the shoes of persons differing in size.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 14th.

The closing scene of the tragedy which commenced on board the *McEwen* has been enacted. Justice, long armed, far away upon the African coast, seized Patrick O'Donnell, and will not loosen her grip of the malefactor until he passes from the hangman's hands and learns the great secret. Not even the rabid malcontents can avail to the care and attention given by the jury to every point which would be placed to the credit of the prisoner. Twice after the twelve good men and true retired to decide upon their verdict they return and receive information from the judge upon niceties of the law upon which they were doubtful, and as carefully and patiently did his Lordship acquaint them as to the information they required. At the close of the summing up and upon the retirement of the jury, the strained interest, which through the whole of last Saturday had kept those who had succeeded in obtaining places in the Court, was relaxed and the decorum and quiet broken up. Laughter and gossip were upon every side. All founds' keen enjoyment in the recess which preceded the heightened excitement to come; all save the wretched man at the bar. The judge mercifully suggested he should retire, but he elected to remain where he was. That the summing up had been against him, he could not have been ignorant of, and although he endeavored to preserve an unmoved demeanor it was evident he was experiencing a torture of agony—who can tell how terribly the light laughter and pleasant conversation jarred on his highly-strung nerves. On the second appearance of the jury hope evidently told a flattering tale and he brightened visibly. But his elation was of short duration. Their quick reappearance told him that the chance of disagreement was at an end. With folded arms, erect and defiant, with every particle of colour faded from his once bronzed face, he heard the question asked: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon your verdict?" "We have," replied the foreman. "Do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty of the wilful murder of James Carey?" "Guilty."—Then the judge assumed the black cap, and, in a powerful speech, condemned the murderer to "be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul." The wardens then prepared to remove O'Donnell, but, desperate with rage, he fought violently, attempting to address the Court. At length he was dragged down the stairs, shouting loudly: "Three cheers for Ireland and the United States. To—with the—British and the British crown." Thus ends a trial which all could foresee the result of, but the magnificent speech of Mr. Russell, Q.C., went near to get his client off. He had that opportunity should read it. I heard that not relating the brief, Mr. Russell placed his foot at what he considered a prohibitive figure, one thousand guineas, but it was paid and would could say it was not well invested.

Mr. Gladstone's removal of the duty on plate will be very welcome. This is the form of declaration necessary to be signed before a magistrate by all to whom plate is sent in this country:—

"I do, in conformity with subsection 12 and sec 10 of the Revenue Act, 1886, solemnly and sincerely declare that the articles of plate hereinafter mentioned, that is to say—landed—from the S. S.—are—my property, and are not intended for sale or exchange, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, by virtue of the provisions of the &c. &c."

An ingenious Parisian restaurant-keeper has been found out in a very clever fraud. He rewarded the waiters who opened Messrs. Most & Chandon's champagne without injuring the cork, and then used corks and bottles again, filling the bottles with some cast iron connection of his own. But he has met his reward. He has been obliged to advertise his ill-doing in ten newspapers, to pay a fine of £480 and go to prison for a fortnight. It would require a lot of profit on wine to make good that advertisement in the newspapers.

In these go-ahead days they have given up talking of blue stockings. They now speak of "blue continuations."

The latest fashion is for a bride to have a "best girl" as a set off to the bridegroom's "best man."

Mrs. Weldon has won her case, and the unfortunate husband has the alternative of living with his wife or going to prison for contempt of Court. This is a free country. "Truth" should offer a prize for suggestions how Mrs. Weldon could make Mr. Weldon only too anxious to close the arrangement.

Sir James Hannan said he regretted that the state of the law, with decisions given by Lord Ponzance, and Sir Cresswell Cresswell, on restitution, gave him no option but to comply with the application and grant the attachment against Mr. Weldon. The plain fact was to have her costs, and an appeal was allowed if such should be deemed necessary.

Messrs. Warden and Walters have been respectively sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude. I should have been glad to have seen Warden suffer a heavier punishment than his confederate and such is the feeling generally. But it is satisfactory that his rounding on his confederate brought him no diminution of his sentence.

Have you ever been to a vegetarian restaurant? It is the cheapest form of entertainment in London. You can commence with a good plate of soup for three pence. Then you can take your choice of a plumping helping of mushroom pudding for 4d., haricots and egg sauce 3d., Irish stew 3d., egg omelette, plain, sweet or savory 6d., or rice fritter 2d. There is any sort of vegetable for 2d.; the apple, rice, sage, cranberry, or custard puddings for 3d. each are really excellent. Further inducements are held out in the shape of blanc mange with fruit or jam 4d. and stewed plums, French fruits, apples or figs, at 3d. complete the bill of fare. Welsh rare-bite, poached eggs on toast, all tempt the mind from the seductions of butchers' meat; tea, coffee, cocoa and chocolate are available, while the list of served beverages show what a great choice is given to teetotalers. These restaurants sell no nover approach to alcohol than fruit or russet champagne. Every paper is provided and the mind can feast on the "Dietetic Reformer" when satiated with the comic and illustrated papers. The class of people who frequent these hostels are the stamp of the gentleman who see bareheaded shouting themselves hoarse preening in the Park on Sunday afternoons, and small clerks. The service is excellently conducted by many a not-handed Phyllis, who expects no tip in return for her attention.

(To be continued.)

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Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Woodhouse, Esq.)

Wednesday, Jan. 23.

NOT REPORTING CHANGE OF TENANCY.
Leung Young, householder, was fined fifteen dollars, which was paid, for neglecting to report change of tenancy of the second floor of house 312, Queen's Road West.

TRUST OF WATCH FROM SCHOOLBOY.
Chung Ahung, a barber, was convicted and sent to goal for six months for stealing from the person of Wong Yik Fong, one silver watch and chain, value ten dollars. Complaints in a schoolboy, and was playing on the Chinese Recreation Ground, when a prisoner went up to him, put his hand into complainant's pocket, and abstracted the watch and chain and passed it to another man, who ran away with it.

BRUNK AND DRUMMER.
Carl Backhurst, a drummer of the S.S. *Bender*, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting P.C. 24, Fowler, who stated that on the 22nd instant, at 11.15 p.m., he was on duty on Pedder's Wharf. Defendant was this worse of drink, and sat down for some time there. He commenced to interfere with the passengers going to their ships, and being very disorderly the constable ordered him away. He then struck the constable and tore his coat. He made no defence. He was convicted and fined one dollar, and ordered to pay fifty cents as costs to the constable, or in default to suffer three days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Macao.

(From a Correspondent.)

As you are already aware, we had lately a politico-religious conflict between our highest ecclesiastical dignitary and the Governor, backed up by the Secretary of State, which culminated in the abandonment of his diocese by the Right Rev. Father Morgado, who left here for Europe by the last French Mail. The church here is practically without a chief, and moreover, it was telegraphically declared by the Metropolitan Archbishop of India to be schismatic, and therefore no sacraments can be administered here until the questions at issue between the civil and ecclesiastical authorities are decided at the proper quarters. The *ecclesiae* arose out of an interference by the civil authorities in the election of the President of the Clerical Board, which governs the Diocese in the absence of the Bishop. A good deal of correspondence took place, and I am credibly informed that the Governor went so far as to threaten to imprison the rev.

Fathers if the government candidate was not returned at the head of the poll. During this deplorable conflict, the provincial black shop was not found wanting, for two reverend fathers, and very reverend too, a very sorry and pitiable figure, indeed, in their subservience to the will of the Governor, in spite of the canonical laws.

What a contrast! The Governor of Hongkong instructs his subordinates to abstain from voting at the late J.P.'s election of a member of the Legislative Council, thus leaving the choice entirely to the non-official element, while the Governor of Macao orders the clergy to vote for a man of his own choice to govern the diocese, and yet there are still persons who cannot comprehend the decadence of Macao and the progress of Hongkong; the former under the despotical sway of a military officer and the latter under an enlightened and liberal governor.

A fond mother, hearing that an "earthquake" was coming, sent her boys into the country to escape it. After a few days she received a note from the friend. "For goodness sake take your boys; send the earthquake instead."

A few weeks since a railroad collision on one of the roads leading out of New York killed, among others, a passenger living in an interesting way. His remains were sent home in good shape, and a few days later the funeral the attorney called upon the widow to effect a settlement. She placed her figures at twenty thousand dollars. "Oh! that sum is unreasonable," replied the attorney. "Your husband was nearly 50 years old." "Yes, sir." "And I am 30 years old." "Yes, sir." "And he was poor?" "Quite poor." "And he probably would not have lived over five years?" "Probably not, sir." "Then it seems to me that two or three thousand dollars would be a fair compensation." "Two or three thousand!" she echoed. "Why, sir, I courted this man for ten years, ran after him for ten more, and then had to chase him down with a shot-gun to get him before a preacher! Do you suppose I'm only going to settle for the bare cost of shoe-leather and ammunition?"

Soochow.

(From a Chinese Correspondent.)

From the beginning of the winter season, when there had been no rain, the different regiments stationed in this city have been continually drilling on the several parade grounds. I find that, with no exception, the troops are all drilled after the foreign method, and the sound of continuous firing of the branch-loaders is kept up from daylight until noon. Target practice seems to be the chief thing. On stated days, however, archery on horseback and on foot is also practised by the soldiers. The 16th of this month has been selected upon which drilling shall cease for the New Year holidays, at the end of which, however, they will again be continuous exercises. The regiments garrisoning this city consist principally of men from the different districts of this province. They are well drilled, and a fine body of men, and it is said that with the commencement of spring they will be dispatched to Canton. I do not know whether this is true or not; however, when it was announced in the camps that they were going to Canton, they were all shouting approval, and were anxious to go as soon as possible, so that they might quickly meet the French in battle.—N. C. D. News.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, January 22.
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$875/80
" Old " " 565
" New Boacars, cash, 565
" Old " " 565
" New Malwa, cash, 600/50
" Allowance, Toole, 24/16
" Old Malwa, cash, 600
" Allowance, Toole, 24/16

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, 37 1/2
" Demand, 37 1/2
" 30 days sight, 37 1/2
" 60 days sight, 37 1/2
" 90 days sight, 37 1/2
" Documentary 4 months sight, 37 1/2
" India, Wire, 22 1/2
" Demand, 22 1/2
" Shanghai demand, 12 1/2
" 30 days sight, private, 12 1/2
" Gold Leaf 99 1/2, 537.50
" Sovereigns, 53.37

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, January 23.
BAROMETER.—9 A.M., 30.520
Do. 1 P.M., 30.162
Do. 4 P.M., 30.134
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M., 69
Do. 1 P.M., 69
Do. 4 P.M., 70
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M., 68
Do. Do. 1 P.M., 68
Do. Do. 4 P.M., 68
Do. Maximum, 70
Do. Minimum over night, 63

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AT 4 P.M.—22ND JANUARY.

Station.	Actual Temp.	Barometer	Wind.	Force.	Weather.	Remarks.
Manila	30.02 77.072	E	3	0	—	—
Hongkong	30.18 77.6	E	3	0	—	—
Amoy	30.15 77.038	W	5	0	—	—
Azuay	30.19 75.038	W	5	0	—	—

